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Just come in bringing me the news that all the Christians in the north are alive and well tho they have had a hard time of it and are now in great straits. When the Chinese fled from P'yong Yang they made a mad rush through Sui ju killing and robbing Koreans as they fled. Until then our men had remained in Sui ju but at this time in the greatest confusion and danger they all fled to the County taking what they could gather together hastily. They are now in the mountains living in huts of mud & branches where they will suffer considerably this cold weather. Our Evangelist Kim went back to Sui ju some time after the Japanese had taken Lonsim. He found them in our house, <sup>when he</sup> ~~but~~ attempted to enter he was driven off. I am hoping to get through the Hill from Japanese authorities a permit for him that he may regain possession of our place.

From P'yong Yang to Sui ju along the main road there has been great destruction with the scattering of the whole population. When things will assume their normal condition no one can say. From these men I hear of many who in these times of sore trial and distress are turning to the Gospel with attentive ears and teachable hearts. I fully believe that the Lord will get great glory to Himself out of all these troubles. So far as possible I want to

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Good prospect of Dr. & Mrs. Gifford making successful missionaries.  
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they are altho he needs to be urged to persevere  
in though work. His sermon is not yet sufficient  
to satisfy the Com. but he has taken hold of  
his study in earnest and did far better than the  
Com. had any expectation of his doing.

Mr. Winter too has begun to study and it is a  
pleasure to me to be able to say that there  
is now a good prospect of their being able to  
do a work here which will be a successful con-  
tributing to the establishment of the Church of Christ in  
Korea. I have withheld judgment on this point tho  
it has been a question which greatly troubled me.

Of course all this I write confidentially as also  
the remark that notwithstanding what I have written  
above - we want a new physician for Pyong Yang.  
While I am on this line I want to request from  
you some word of commendation for Mr. Gifford  
who has been developing more & more both in  
his power to use the language, & in his love for his  
work and for the people. His wife has been a great  
help to him and he has grown spiritually. He is  
especially useful among the people as a pastor and  
as his heart has more & more become interested in  
this line of work the Session of the native Church  
has this year given him charge of pastoral work.

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In re Mr. Gale's ordination

I write thus because I know what a help it is to feel that ones efforts to become more useful in the work are recognized and appreciated. Your letters to me have been most helpful and I thank you most sincerely for them.

I enclose a letter written 10 days ago on the subject of Mr. Gale's ordination, concerning which we should be glad to have a word of advice from you. With continued prayers for you that your health may be continued and that rich blessings may rest upon you.

Sincerely yours in Christ  
Samuel A. Moffette.

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